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Jamaica, March 5.

WIthin theſe 14 Days paſt we have taken 3 Privateers, with 120 Priſoners, and have retaken a Sloop of ours, ſo that we believe we have deſtroyed moſt of the Privateers the Enemy had in theſe Parts. This Iſland is at preſent very healthy: We have lately had a ſmall Shake of an Earthquake, but it has not done any Damage.

Rome, April 5. The Pope has lately writ ſeveral Letters to the King, the Cardinal Primate, and the Senators of Poland, Exhorting them to an Accommodation of thoſe Differences which have been the Occaſion of ſo much Bloodſhed, and ſo great Confuſion in the Kingdom. He is alſo Employing his good Offices with the French King in favour of the Duke of Modena, with probability of good Succeſs; as an earneſt of which, the Orders that were given for expoſing to Sale the Duke's Goods which were Seized by the French, are Revoked. The Count de Lamberg, Ambaſſador from the Emperor, had this Week a long Audience of the Pope, and is gone to Fraſcati, intending to continue there ſome time. Eight famous Banditti, who had committed many Robberies, being apprehended in the Country, were lately brought hither under a Guard of 50 Soldiers. The Differences between this Court and the Duke of Savoy concerning the Right of Preſentation to Benefices in that Dutchy and in Piedmont, which were once looked upon to be in a fair way of Accommodation, are again as far as ever from being Adjuſted; As are thoſe with the Government of Naples touching the Privileges and Immunities of the Church, occaſioned by the Seizing of ſome of the Favourers of the Intereſt of the Houſe of Auſtria in that Kingdom, in a Church, whither they had fled for Refuge. Cardinal Pignatelli delays going to take Poſſeſſion of his Archbiſhoprick of Naples till thoſe Matters are Adjuſted. It is ſaid, That the Pope intends to make him Legate of Bolonia in the room of Cardinal Dada, who is ſhortly to be recalled from that Employment; and that Cardinal Rubini will be made Legate of Romania.

Milan, April 8. The Duke of Vendoſme arrived here this day from his Head-Quarters at Cazal, and was Saluted with a triple Diſcharge of our Cannon. It is ſaid he intends to Beſiege Verceil as ſoon as he has received all the Recruits he expects from France. A Body of German Horſe being marched towards Alexandria, with a Deſign, as is ſuppoſed, to endeavour to intercept ſome of thoſe Recruits, the Duke has been obliged to ſend a Detachment that way to cover their March. The Militia of this Dutchy is marched towards Novara to defend the Lines which the French have lately made on that ſide: And the Regular Troops which are at preſent poſted there are to be employed elſe where.

Venice, April 12. Five Gallies ſailed lately from hence to joyn the Venetian Fleet in the Levant, whence 3 other of our Gallies are to return home to refit. The French are fortifying Lecco, Caſtel-Medichino, and ſome other Poſts on the Lake de Como: Their Army commanded by the Grand Prior paſſed the Secchia the 8th inſtant, and is advanced towards Revere; whereupon the Imperialiſts have raiſed Batteries on the other ſide of the Po, and are taking the neceſſary Precautions for their Defence. General Viſconti is gone to Command the German Forces at Mirandola: The Eſtates and Goods of the Duke of that Place are Seized and Confiſcated for his having Correſponded with the French, and Entered into an Engagement with them to Betray his Town and the Imperial Gariſon there into their Hands; and ſeveral of the principal Inhabitants who were concerned in this Deſign are ſecured, and will be proceeded againſt with rigour. The Count de Trautſmanſdorf, who in the Prince of Vaudemont's Abſence had the Chief Command of the Imperial Forces on this ſide, has been ſo ill a of Fever, that he was once reported to be Dead, but is now much better, and is come hither to compleat the recovery of his Health.

Francfort, April 23. On the 19th inſtant a Regiment of Horſe and another of Dragoons of the King of Pruſſia's Forces, marched through this City towards the Lines of Stolhoffen; yeſterday they were followed by a Regiment of Foot, and the reſt of thoſe Forces have paſſed the Maine at Rupelheim: They are all extraordinary good Troops, and are to be poſted in the Lines abovementioned. Our Magiſtrates are raiſing two Companies of Foot to be added to the five Companies which they have already ſent into the Lines. A Detachment of the French Army paſſed the Rhine lately at the Fort of Kehl, and is poſted at preſent near Offembourg. The Elector of Mentz has lately been very much Indiſpoſed, but is at preſent in a fair way of Recovery. It is ſaid the French King has given Orders for Augmenting the Militia in Alſace.

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